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GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT: PROHIBITION OF THE DUMPING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES

Note verbale dated 27 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of the Bahamas to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in his country's capacity as Chairman of the Foreign Ministers of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), has the honour to request that the attached statement of the Ministers responsible for Foreign Affairs of CARICOM on the proposed shipment of hazardous and radioactive waste through the Caribbean be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 61 (k).

Annex

Statement on the proposed shipment of hazardous and radioactive material through the Caribbean

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) expressed their grave concern at the proposed shipment of hazardous and radioactive material through the Caribbean subregion and waters falling under the jurisdiction of CARICOM member States.

In this regard they recognized the serious dangers such shipments could present both for the environment as well as for the health and safety of the people of the region.

The Ministers decided to initiate immediate consultations with the appropriate United Nations agencies and other relevant international bodies as well as with the countries concerned with or involved in the transport of such material in order to determine what action may be required to ensure the safety and security of the region.